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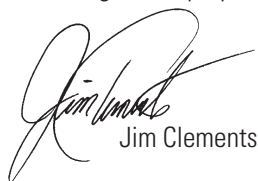
Working for what's BEST for the 14th District and Washington

The 2007 legislative session got under way in Olympia in the second week of January and is scheduled to run through April 22. The three of us went to the Capitol for the session's Jan. 8 start intending to promote a broad range of policies that are in step with the needs of our district – from increased public safety, a high-performance school system and better roads to expanded access to health care and sound management of our precious water.

Our agenda fits within a set of responsive, good-government guidelines we and other Republicans are following as we propose legislation and vote during this two-year legislative

term. We call it BEST, for **B**alance between responsive and limited government, **E**mpowering people, **S**trengthening Washington families, and **T**rust and transparency in government.

Please use the information above to contact us if you want to share your opinion or ask questions about legislation and issues facing the Legislature. We're here to help!



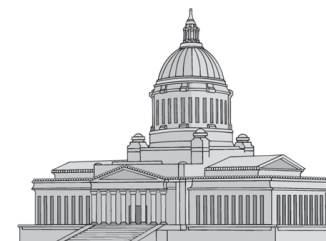
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Balance between responsive yet limited government

(Examples) Adopt constitutional spending limit ♦ Support comprehensive regulatory reform ♦ Restore 1 percent property tax limit from Initiative 747 (House Bill 1170)

Empowering people

(Examples) Exempt over-the-counter drugs/medicines from sales tax ♦ Create a system of accountability for schools that persistently fail to reach student academic progress ♦ Protect the initiative process

Strengthening Washington families

(Examples) Protect all victims of sex crimes ♦ Fight gang violence ♦ Increase penalties for eluding an officer and auto theft ♦ Maintain transportation performance audits as promised to the voters ♦ Support Washington's Defense of Marriage Act

Transparency and trust

(Examples) "Truth in Budgeting" – fund education first, constitutional requirement of 60 percent vote to raise taxes ♦ Election reform – require picture ID from poll voters and require proof of citizenship for registration ♦ Require two-thirds vote of Legislature to make new laws effective upon signing (the "emergency clause")



14th District **Town Hall Meetings**

Saturday, March 17

- **Naches**

9-10 a.m.

The Applecart Deli
220 Naches Avenue

- **Yakima**

1-3 p.m.

Harman Center
101 N. 65th Avenue

★ **Your New Team** ★

For the first time since 1994, the 14th Legislative District team has a new look. Charles Ross, former Naches mayor, now holds the House position previously occupied by Jim Clements. Mary Skinner, now serving her seventh term, becomes the senior House member from the district. After six terms in the House, Jim Clements was nominated and appointed to the state Senate, following the retirement of longtime Senator Alex Deccio.

While the lineup has changed, your 14th District team's commitment to serving the people of Yakima, Union Gap, Selah, Naches and the rest of the Upper Valley, is as strong as ever. Please take a few moments to turn this over and read about the ideas and legislation we're supporting during the 2007 legislative session on behalf of the Yakima Valley and the state as a whole.

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